

2013 Needs Assessment for Marengo County

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Accomplishments

Demopolis City Schools, with the support of the CPC, has applied for a grant to develop a program to discourage underage drinking

Supported the HealthStart program at Bryan W. Whitfield Memorial Hospital in Demopolis. This program targets at-risk teen mothers and provides prenatal classes.

Marengo County Dept of Human Resources held a local resource fair in an effort to provide resource information to families in an attempt to decrease instances of abuse and neglect in the community.

Marengo County Extension Service is providing Abstinence Education to all 6th and 7th and 8th graders in Marengo county.

Marengo County Health Department provides Abstinence Education to 8th through 12th grade students in Marengo County Schools and Linden City Schools

A work training program at the Theo Ratliff Center between the University of West Alabama and Rock-Tenn Corp.

A collaborative effort between the University of West Alabama, Shelton State and the City of Demopolis to provide academic course work, technical training, work force development and dual enrollment programs

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First Priority

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Children Stay Out of Trouble

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:

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Juvenile Redirection Program Parenting Program through the Theo Ratliff Center 2 week Summer Camp for children age 10-14 through West Alabama Mental Health Computer lab, tutoring, music lessons, etc. at the Theo Ratliff Center Summer Feeding Program Harriet's House-Dom. Violence Prevention Family Resource Center at the Alternative School Faith based Bible School and other related activities D.A.R.E. program	Mentoring program Need additional funds Boys and Girls Clubs Anger Management classes for children After school activities

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

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1. Utilize multi-needs funds for behavioral aides to help families with children in danger of being removed from home
2. Collaborate with churches for use of facilities and transportation
3. Solicit more involvement from civic clubs
4. Collaborate with churches

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Second Priority

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Families are Hopeful and Positively Engaged in Children's Development

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
West Alabama Mental Health Marengo County Extension Service programs Kids and Kin - an educational home program that teaches first aid, cooking, parenting, etc. All Kids and Medicaid Children's Rehab Services Parenting classes Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (Early Intervention)	Information (getting information regarding programs available in this area) through PSAs More church involvement More support for local extra-curricular activities 'Media Madness' - education for parents Increase drug education for both children and parents Telemedicine - counseling via phone Additional funding

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Develop a Primary Prevention Program for parents
2. Seek additional funding
3. Steps to establish a "One Stop". Providers (e.g. West Alabama Mental Health, Dept. of Human Resources, J.P.O., etc.) come in to help families with identified problem areas
4. Program to educate about substance abuse
5. Need local PSAs regarding available programs
6. Visit churches, Head Start, etc. to encourage/promote smoke-free homes

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Third Priority

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Children are Successful in School

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Theo Ratliff Community Center Partnership with West Alabama Mental Health Department of Human Resources Computer access at local libraries Utilization of public library services Summer programs in schools Duel enrollment and GED programs with Shelton State and Alabama Southern	A Parent Center with satellite centers Computer access for all families to STI home Intervention from WAMH - after 3rd referral (minor offenses), after 1st referral (serious offenses) More counselors available from WAMH to assist schools Encourage service projects through civil organizations

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Parent Centers, parenting skills, provide transportation, satellite centers
2. School is fun. A reward system for classroom - similar to sports. Interest and diploma options
3. Changes in Marengo County Alternative School Program. Faith based programs across all races/cultures